



# January 2025 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- [RVCA Clean Transportation Working Group 3](#), virtual, Jan. 15
- [Virginia Clean Cities Program Updates](#), virtual, Jan. 16
- [2025 VTA Transit & Rail Advocacy Day](#), Richmond, VA, Jan. 27
- [Virginia EV Day at the Capitol](#), Richmond, VA, Jan. 29
- [Energy Independence Summit](#), Washington, DC, Feb. 10-13
- [Hampton Roads Green Fleet Expo](#), Norfolk, VA, March 7
- [2025 Rally in Richmond](#), Richmond, VA, April 3

*Click the events for more info.*

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## Join These Localities in Charging Smart Today!



**NATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED. LOCALLY POWERED.**

VCC's Charging Smart program is off to a great start! So far, the City of Alexandria, City of Charlottesville, City of Fairfax, City of Norfolk, City of Roanoke, Fairfax County and Wise County, have all signed on board with the national EV readiness program. Charging Smart certifies local communities for their electric vehicle (EV) readiness planning and work. The program provides personalized, no-cost technical assistance to help municipalities achieve expansion of EVs in their community. Charging Smart is modeled after the SolSmart program, which offers support for local governments in adopting solar-friendly policies in accordance with economic development and

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## Clean Bus Planning Awards is Open



The Clean Bus Planning Awards (CBPA) program is open and accepting applications from school and transit bus fleets - act now to secure your spot before resources run out!

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## CHDV Grant Program Makes Selections



On December 11, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced 70 tentatively selected applications to receive a total of approximately \$735 million in Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) Grant Program funds under the Inflation Reduction Act.

[Apply](#)

## 2024 Clean School Bus Rebates due Jan. 9

The EPA is offering at least \$965 million for electric, propane, and compressed natural gas school buses through the 2024 Clean School Bus Rebate Program! The short, quick and simple application is due by 4 PM ET on Jan. 9, 2025. Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive up to \$325,000 per bus to help your community make the transition to clean school buses.

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## SAE EV Charging Courses



As a new and emerging industry, EV charging infrastructure presents a large and complex domain for engineers who have little to no experience working in this area. What are the key EV charging standards that engineers need to know? What protocols do engineers need to understand? What are the regulations and how do they differ by region? How do these standards ensure reliable, interoperable, safe and secure EV charging?

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## EV Charging Incentives in Virginia



Virginia is moving into the fast lane on EVs. The Commonwealth of Virginia approved measures to adopt new vehicle emissions standards and EV sales targets; legislators are looking for ways to fund EV adoption incentives; and, a recent study by ACEEE gave Virginia the highest marks of any state in the southeast on transportation electrification. New EV infrastructure is needed to support this market movement.

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## To the Skies!

Reported in *Loudoun Now*: Last week the Leesburg Town Council approved a lease agreement to install an electric aircraft charging station at the Leesburg Executive Airport. BETA Technologies of Vermont was selected by the Airport Commission for a 10-year lease agreement.

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**New and Returning Members**



**Returning Diamond Level Member!**



**New Coalition Level Member!**

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